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THE GOVERNOR STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA

No. __HB 2747

TIME SIGNED: 3:08 pm

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2747:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2747.

Like most Oklahomans, I've watched family members and loved ones suffer the effects of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, so I take this degenerative disease—and society's response to it—seriously.

That said, I don't believe this Bill, which among other things creates revolving funds in the State Treasury for the purpose of awarding grants to certain nonprofits, and mandates that the Department of Health hire or maintain dementia-trained workers and compile and publish a State Alzheimer's plan, will move the needle on disease knowledge, reducing risk, or developing potential treatments. Plus, the Department of Health's Chronic Disease Prevention Service is already engaged in this space and oversees several programs through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control.

By contrast, the federal government, through the National Institutes of Health, is addressing each of these issues in a coordinated response backed by nearly \$4 billion of annual Alzheimer's and dementia research funding.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Enrolled House Bill 2747.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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